

Summer Work Travel (SWT) - Season 2013/2014

If you have decided to take part in the Summer Work Travel program, it is highly important that you become familiar with the information detailed below.

You should keep this information in mind before you apply for the J1 visa.

Program General Characteristics

Foreign Entities: These are the designated sponsors for the summer exchange program which must pre-arrange employment, assist and monitor those students who select them. These sponsors or third party entities work hand in hand with the sponsors located in the United States, which, among other functions, issue the Form DS-2019 as evidence of your participation in the program.

START AND END DATES OF THE PROGRAM FOR ARGENTINA: Participation is limited to **four months (1 December – 1 April)**. However, the end dates of the program cannot extend into the college and/or university academic calendar for the term following your participation in the SWT program.

As the start and the end dates of classes differ from institution to institution in Argentina, this four-month window is based on information provided by the National Ministry of Education and a survey conducted among the most relevant colleges and universities.

- **Start date of the program: 1 December 2013.**
- **Expiration date to appear on the DS-2019 form: 1 April 2014.**

It is very possible that the above mentioned dates will differ from the start and end dates for classes at your educational institution. As a result, your **DS-2019 form must reflect the dates that coincide with the school term at your educational institution.**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM:

- ✚ To be eligible to participate in this program, you must be a full-time student, attending a university or a tertiary (2-to-4-year course of studies) that is certified by the National Ministry of Education. **If you are attending the first year of your course of studies, you must have completed at least one semester, or the quarter or trimester equivalent. If you are attending the CBC (acronym for “Ciclo Básico Común”), you will be considered a student attending the first year of the course of studies.**
- ✚ If you are a final-year student, you will be eligible to participate as long as you can prove that you are a full time student in your final year of studies and that you are actively pursuing an accredited degree. In these cases, you will be able to obtain the DS-2019 form for the four-month period allowed.
- ✚ You will not qualify to participate in the program if you are attending a vocational program, on-line or virtual degree program.

During the interview with the consular officer, you will have to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English to be able to carry out your job duties and interact effectively with the people around you during your stay in the United States. Performance in English will be highly considered during the interview with the consular officer. As a result, there is a possibility that students who have a low level of English performance will not be approved to participate in the program

- ✚ You will have to prove that you have sufficient financial resources to support yourself until you get your first paycheck from your employer.

- ✚ You will have to return to your home country **before** the start date of classes scheduled by the academic calendar of your academic institution.

STEP BY STEP TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENTS AND OBTAIN YOUR J1 SWT VISA

If you wish to apply for a visa, you must SCHEDULE TWO APPOINTMENTS (one at ASC-Applicant Service Center- and the other at the U.S. Consulate) following the steps detailed below.

Remember to have the following documents completed BEFORE scheduling the appointments:

- ✓ Valid passport.
 - ✓ DS-160 Form (to be completed at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>).
 - ✓ SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt (paid at <http://www.fmiffee.com/>).
 - ✓ DS-2019 Form.
 - ✓ Concrete job offer .
 - ✓ Letter to be completed by the educational institution you attend ([Print a model of the letter by clicking HERE](#)).
1. Complete the DS-160 online application form at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv> and print the DS-160 and print the confirmation page.
 2. Register online by accessing <http://usvisa-info.com/> creating a user under your name. If already registered, you will have access to your account.

Note: Once registered, you can go back to the “*Resumen del Solicitante*” page at any time, by selecting the “*Mi cuenta*” option at the top right margin of the page.

3. Follow the instructions provided by the website:
 - a. Under “*Propósito del viaje*”, choose: “**Visas de No Inmigrante**” / “**Todos los otros**” (**Estudiantes, Tránsito, Trabajo Temporal, etc.**) / “**Estudiante F/M**” / **Visas de Verano, Trabajo o Viaje (SWT) (J)**
 - b. Select the DHL branch to be used to pick up your documents.
 - c. Pay the visa application fee (MRV Fee of USD 160).
 - d. Select date and time of your appointments both at ASC (Centro de Applicant Service Center) and at the Consulate.

Note: the first interview is at the ASC and the second at the Consular Section. The two interviews **cannot** take place on the same day.

4. Attend your ASC appointment (at 4569 Santa Fe Av., Palermo, Buenos Aires) with the following documents:
 - a. Valid passport with at least two empty pages available to stamp the visa.
 - b. DS-160 confirmation page.
 - c. DS-2019 Form.
5. Attend your consular appointment at the U.S. Embassy (at 4300 Colombia Av., Palermo, Buenos Aires) with the documents listed above and:
 - a. DS-2019 Form.
 - b. SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt.
 - c. Wilberforce Pamphlet **previously read and understood** ([Click HERE to access the Pamphlet](#)).
 - d. Letter issued by your educational institution (see above)..
 - e. University booklet or certified transcript of approved subjects.
 - f. Concrete job offer.

If you have any questions, contact your local agency and remember to remain in contact with them during your stay in the United States.

♣Good luck! ♣